

REMARKS

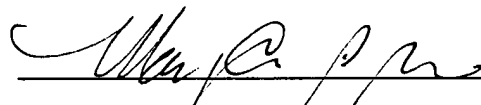
Claims 1-24 were originally filed in the grandparent case. In an Office Action dated September 3, 1997, the Examiner restricted the claims into three Groups, with Group I containing Claims 1-6, Group II containing Claims 7-20, and Group III containing Claims 21-24. In a Response dated January 8, 1998, Applicant elected, without traverse, to prosecute the Claims of Group II in the grandparent case. In the parent case (a divisional of the grandparent case), Applicant elected the Claims of Group I. The present case is another divisional application filed to prosecute the Claims of Group III (Claims 21-24). In a Preliminary Amendment filed August 9, 2001, Applicant amended Claims 21-24 and added Claims 25-32.

Claims 21 - 32 are pending in the Application. The Examiner has made a restriction requirement, restricting the Claims into two groups, with Group I comprising Claims 21-26 and Group II comprising Claims 27-32.

To further business interests, Applicant has elected the Claims in Group I, *i.e.*, Claims 21-26, without traverse. Claims 27-32 are canceled herein without prejudice in view of the present restriction requirement. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in one or more Divisional Applications.

If a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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